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Passman et al.

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For: USING DIRECT CLUSTER MEMBER TO
CLUSTER MEMBER LINKS TO IMPROVE
PERFORMANCE IN MOBILE
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2004 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The time period for response has been extended to November 14, 2004, by the accompanying petition for a two-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.